

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21 DECEMBER, 2023

Consumption of LPG by PMUY Beneficiaries

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families having LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in Karakat, Sitamarhi, Sheohar and Bhagalpur Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar, Singhbhum Parliamentary Constituency of Jharkhand and Sonipat Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana;
- (b) the number of households currently getting their LPG gas cylinders refilled and using their LPG connections;
- (c) whether there is less consumption of LPG by PMUY beneficiaries since its launch; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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(a)&(b):Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was started in May, 2016 with an objective to provide access of clean cooking fuel to poor households across the country. Under PMUY, deposit free LPG connections are provided to adult women from poor households as per defined criteria. As of 30.09.2023, there are 9.59 Crore PMUY connections and 8.41 crore beneficiaries have taken at least one refill during FY 2022-23.Details of LPG connections released in districts which are part of Karakat, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Bhagalpur Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar, Singhbhum Parliamentary Constituency of Jharkhand and Sonipat Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana are at **Annexure.**

(c) & (d): Consumption of domestic LPG by households depends on multiple factors such as food habits, household size, cooking habits, price, availability of alternate fuels etc. To improve LPG usage amongst PMUY beneficiaries, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have organized LPG panchayats, social media campaigns, public events for the distribution of connections and public awareness campaigns etc. across the country. Government has taken several steps to encourage consumption of LPG, which include targeted subsidy of Rs.200/- per 14.2 Kg refill upto 12 refills/year for PMUY beneficiaries for years 2022-23 and 2023-24, increase in targeted subsidy to Rs. 300 per 14.2 kg cylinder for up to 12 refills per annum since October 2023, option of 5 Kg Double Bottle

Connection (DBC), swap option from 14.2 kg to 5 Kg, upto 3 free refills to PMUY beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package from April 2020 to December 2020 etc. For ease of refill booking various methods have been provided viz. Short Message Service (SMS), calling directly on the phone of distributor, Interactive Voice Response System(IVRS), Whatsapp booking, e-commerce platforms, OMC mobile applications, OMCs web-portals etc. Per capita consumption of PMUY Beneficiaries has increased from 3.01 Refills/annum (in terms of 14.2 Kg refill) during FY 2019-20 to 3.71 Refills/annum during FY 2022-23 & further to 3.8 refills in 2023-24 (till October 2023). A total of 100.85 crore refills were taken by PMUY consumers in last 3 years i.e. FY 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23.

Annexure referred in parts (a)&(b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3187 to be answered on 21.12.2023 regarding “Consumption of LPG by PMUY Beneficiaries”

State	District	Number of PMUY Connections (as on 30.09.2023)
Bihar	Aurangabad (BH)	2,12,176
	Bhagalpur	3,55,888
	PurbaChampanan	6,04,885
	Rohtas	2,67,193
	Sheohar	1,20,285
	Sitamarhi	3,73,386
Jharkhand	West Singhbhum	1,74,308
	Seraikela-Kharsawan	1,17,606
Haryana	Jind	36,410
	Sonipat	35,521

Source: Indian Oil Corporation Limited on industry basis
